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PHOTO BY JENNA HUNGER

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA— Surveillance cameras have been placed in the Martha Miller Center and the Kollen Hall parking lot

Hope explores possibility of camera surveillance

Chris Russ
GUEST WRITER

The administration of Hope College is currently working with campus safety to explore the effectiveness of video surveillance on Hope's campus. During the week of the Jan. 18, five cameras were installed. Three of them are currently located on the first floor of the Martha Miller Center and one has been placed on the second floor of that building. There is also a camera positioned to monitor the parking lot on the south side of Kollen Hall.

According to Director of Campus Safety Chad Wolters of campus safety, “The administration wanted us to explore this type of security system.” He also added that there are “three or four different types of security cameras” and that the college is currently “evaluating the capabilities of these cameras.”

An e-mail sent by Hope's Director of Operations Greg Maybury to the faculty and staff of the Martha Miller Center explained that the cameras would not be used to constantly monitor the campus but would instead be used as an investigative tool. The e-mail stated, “The cameras and associated software have the ability to record up to 48 hours of activity (motion activated) and will ultimately be

used to review events in the case of assault, theft or vandalism.”

As to why the Martha Miller Center was chosen as the primary location to test this surveillance system, Dr. Deirdre Johnston, chair of the communication department, said that the building had experienced some vandalism and that the college wanted to protect the production equipment that is located in the building. She also added that the other faculty in the communication department are “generally supportive” of the new security, and she feels that the cameras are a “very pragmatic solution.”

In the same e-mail message as mentioned above, Maybury stated, “The college will evaluate the results of this test (30-90-day trial period) to see if this is a technology we want to deploy on campus over the next several years.” According to campus safety, the college is still evaluating this system, and what is in place now is nothing more than a demo.

Although select members of the administration and college staff were informed of the plan to install these cameras, there was no announcement informing the student body of this action. When asked about this, Johnston explained why she thought there was no message sent to the student body: “I imagine it was

because they we're just testing the cameras,” but she added that “It makes perfect sense to me, to tell the students.”

Campus safety stated that if the installation of cameras progressed any further that there would be some kind of announcement made.

Although not many students know about these cameras, there has been some reaction from the student body.

Mike Debowski ('12) said about the lack of information given to the student body: “The goal of cameras should be to prevent stuff from happening, not to secretly catch students or something. Also, this makes me wonder what else they're doing that we don't know about.”

At this point, the college has no definite plans regarding the future of this video surveillance system, and there are without question a variety of opinions regarding what should or should not be done.

Wolters remarked that regarding these security cameras, “most other schools have had positive experiences.”

On the other side of the debate, Debowski said the addition of these cameras might not be a positive move. He said “this just seems like a shift towards a direction of distrust between the administration and the student body.”

Get happy:

Holland ranked second nationally in well-being

Hope PR

The college's hometown has placed second in the nation for overall well-being in a report released recently by Gallup and Healthways.

The 2009 “Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index” (WBI) ranks Holland-Grand Haven behind only Boulder, Colo., out of some 185 cities nationwide.

The index, released on Feb. 15, is an average of six categories: life evaluation, emotional health, physical health, healthy behavior, work environment and basic access to necessities.

The 42 core questions that make up the WBI survey were designed to measure how respondents are faring in all as-

pects of their lives: physically, emotionally, socially and professionally, and also to take a daily pulse of how Americans rate the overall quality of their current life and outlook for the future. The results are based on more than 353,000 surveys completed from Jan. 2 through Dec. 30.

The Holland-Grand Haven community's rankings among the 185 communities on the six sub-indices were as follows: life evaluation, second; emotional health, third; physical health, first; healthy behavior, 63rd; work environment, 39th; and basic access to necessities, first.

What do you think?



“Michigan is good but Colorado is better
—BRYANT ANDERSON '13”



“I think it should have gotten first!
—LIZ FAST '12”



“Well of course Holland is the happiest place, it has Hope College!
—COURTNEY KILLEEN '13”



“No one asked me if I was happy...
—JACOB TOWNLEY '12”

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wednesday Feb. 24
Arts & Humanities Colloquium
 Graves Hall, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Admission is free.

Thursday Feb. 25
Collegiate Day of Prayer
 Community prayer sessions, Schoon Chapel, 11-11:45 a.m. and 10-11 p.m.

Friday Feb. 26
SAC & BSU presents Comedy Lecturer Preacher Moss
 Maas Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

COST OF TUITION RISES

The Hope College Trustees approved the administrative recommendation that tuition, room and board for next school year will be increased by 3.25 percent to total a cost of \$34,620. The Trustees also approved a faculty salary increase by 2 percent. Administration reports that typically, tuition increases exceed salary increases by 2 percent, but budgeting allowed for a lower tuition increase.

AWARD HONORS SERVICE

This year, the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope College will present the new Student Servant Leadership Award to three students who have demonstrated the values and practices of servant leadership. Candidates are scored on attributes such as being "team-oriented," "purpose-centered," "internally motivated," "others focused" and "open-minded." Nominations for the award will be accepted until March 3 and forms can be accessed through www.hope.edu/leadership. The award will be presented on March 31.

Formula SAE builds race car

Arryn Uhlenbrauck
 GUEST WRITER

On May 12-15 at the Michigan Speedway, the Hope College engineering department will enter its first ever Formula SAE competition. (SAE was formerly known as the Society of Automotive Engineers.)

The Hope organization began three years ago when Matt Labaza ('10) met with the engineering advisor Dr. John Krupczak. What started out as a look into internships turned into a Hope organization, an engineering extra-curricular that was lacking previously.

Labaza and fellow members Cameron Recknagel ('11) and Ben Barkel ('10) explained that they are building a car to enter in the Formula SAE competition in Michigan because it is the "largest and longest (running)" of the SAE competitions that take place worldwide. The 2009 competition in Michigan involved 120 college and university teams from 31 states and seven foreign countries in Asia, Europe and the Americas.

The competition consists of two parts. The first is the judging of the engineering and design, which must follow the SAE regulation.

"The designs are our own; we don't get plans and put it together," said Barkel. "It's ours from scratch."

Dynamics are the second part.



PHOTO BY ANN GREEN

FORMULA SAE CAR TAKES SHAPE— The Hope Formula SAE team's goal is to have the race car finished by spring break, and has completed the frame and engine.

This includes a test of the car's 0-60 time and a braking test, as well as two timed races: autocross and a test of endurance, during which a car must maintain a given speed for 13 miles.

Though it has taken two years for the Hope Formula SAE members to build their first car, they plan to follow their first car with a second entry next year. Of the current leaders, Recknagel will be present to

continue Hope's entries in the next Formula SAE competition.

According to Recknagel, schools that are larger or have been entering the competition consistently enter a new car every year.

The Hope Formula SAE team's car is not yet finished, but the design was finalized last year and the building has begun. The team's goal is to have the final product finished by spring

break. Currently, the team has the frame formed and the engine built and is also far along with the mounting and suspension.

The project has not been without its challenges, however. The team ran into several problems including forming the club, funding the project and finding locations to build the car, problems Barkel conveniently summarized as "a lot of difficulties."

Always OK to ask 'Can I Kiss You?'

Cassandra Warner
 STAFF WRITER

Can I kiss you?

In today's dating culture, these words are scarce. Most people try to bypass an opportunity for rejection or awkwardness and

just go for it.

Dating and sexual assault awareness speaker Mike Domitrz seeks to change that. Dimnent Chapel was packed on Feb. 10 as Domitrz spoke in a fun, comedic and interactive way to Hope students about how dating should correctly and morally take place, as well as about how to prevent sexual assault.

Domitrz argues that although many would call asking lame and say that it ruins the moment, it is important to do so and give the other person a choice before initiating physical contact in a romantic relationship. If the contact is unwanted, it could become a horrible moment or even be considered sexual assault.

Domitrz also asked students to really be friends and always make sure at parties, cafes, restaurants or wherever they are that the people around them are safe and not being taken advantage of.

He urged them not to go thinking that it is none of their business if they see someone who might be in trouble. Rather, they should take action to stop any wrongdoing from happening.

In addition, Domitrz gave students tips on how to respond if someone they know is sexually assaulted. The brother of a rape victim himself, he reminded

students of the strength of those who continue to live their lives after being raped and urged students not to pity them but to be there for them.

He asked them rather to thank the victim for telling the story and, instead of apologizing and making the relationship awkward, to compliment the victim's strength and courage and ask for a way to help.

Many students responded to the presentation by making commitments to put in practice the policies Domitrz advocated.

They made promises to ask first, to be a friend or to tell their story. Collectively, the students created a slogan that would remind them to follow these ideals. It says, "Hope believes respect is powerful."

Many were inspired by what they heard and felt that it was refreshing for these issues to be discussed.

After the program, Hope student Jaime Van Heest ('10) said, "I liked the fact that he was able to get us talking about and being honest about issues that we wouldn't be comfortable with normally."

It was not the first time Domitrz had spoken at Hope. When asked about his favorite part of speaking at Hope again, he said "The best part about

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come in, poke your head around the corner, and say hi!

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Citing problems in popular models, Toyota issues recall

Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Company, testifies before congressional committees over safety issues

Amy Alvine
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Feb. 19, the President of Toyota Motor Co., Akio Toyoda, despite originally refusing, agreed to testify before Congress about his company’s recalls. Toyoda indicated that Yoshimi Inaba, Toyota’s North American chief, will appear on Wednesday, Feb. 24, before the United States House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He will also appear on Thursday, Feb. 25, in hearings before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. With 80 percent of all Toyota vehicles sold in the United States over the past 20 years still on the road today, Toyota Motor Co. has always tried to maintain its principle of building the highest quality, safest and most reliable automobiles in the world. “The past few weeks, however, have made clear that Toyota has not lived up to the high standards we set for ourselves,” said Toyoda in an article he wrote for the Washington Post about a plan to repair Toyota’s public image. “More important, we have not lived up to the high standards you have come to expect from us. I am deeply disappointed by that and apologize. As the president of Toyota, I take personal responsibility. That is why I am personally leading the effort to restore trust in



PHOTO COURTESY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOYOTA INITIATES RECALL— After discovering malfunctions with the acceleration and braking systems of some of Toyota’s most popular models, Toyota is undergoing a voluntary safety recall.

our word and in our products.” On Friday, Feb. 5, Toyota announced two safety recalls that covered some of its vehicle models. Both recall campaigns addressed conditions that were related to the accelerator pedal. The first recall campaign was for floor mat entrapment in which unsecured or incompatible floor mats could cause an interference with the accelerator pedal. The second recall campaign was for the accelerator pedal itself. Some mechanisms that control the pedal might mechanically stick in a pressed position or might return abnormally slowly to the idle position. Issues with the accelerator were seen starting in November of 2009 and have resulted in a total of five deaths. With Toyota’s resolution to this issue being to shorten the pedal by three-fourths inches, a massive recall is being made. This recall is being made in 4 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles, particularly in 2007-2010 Camrys, 436,000 of which sold in 2008. However, the 2010 Prius Hybrid is being affected as well. Toyota is calling for a total worldwide recall of the 8 million 2010 Prius Hybrids that were sold. In the Toyota Corolla, with Toyota selling 1.3 million worldwide last year, problems have been seen in the power steering. The following vehicles involved in the recent recalls include: 2005-10 Avalon, 2007-10 Camry, 2009-10 Corolla, 2008-10 Highlander, 2009-10 Matrix, 2004-10 Prius, 2009-10 RAV4, 2008-10 Sequoia, 2005-10 Tacoma, 2007-10 Tundra and the 2009-10 Venza. For Toyota Motor Co., the total price tag of the recalls will cost the company \$16 million. With an extensive mechanical changes being made, according to Akio Toyoda, all future models of Toyota vehicles will include a brake override system. This system will cut the engine when both the accelerator and the brake pedals are pressed simultaneously.

Despite difficulties, military takes steps to avoid civilian casualties

New strategy includes decreased utilization of air offenses and long-range artillery attacks

Glen Shubert
GUEST WRITER

President Obama’s decision to send more troops into Afghanistan signaled the commitment of the United States to the success of the Afghan War. The face of this war has changed through two administrations and eight years of fighting, the most recent development being an order by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, to push toward better avoiding civilian casualties. McChrystal was quoted saying that air offensives and long-range artillery fire were to be used only under “very limited and prescribed conditions.” The stated goal of this policy is to better win the trust of the Afghan people, so that they do not side with Taliban and al-Qaeda insurgents. The difficulty of this effort was highlighted Sunday, when a NATO airstrike mistakenly struck a convoy of Afghan civilians, reportedly killing as many as 27. Marine Capt. Ryan Sparks,

summarized the policy, stating “The key to this whole thing is to get the people on our side. To make them understand it’s a safe place. If we secure the people, the Taliban become irrelevant. It is frustrating but it’s the right way to do it because it protects the people.” The frustration Sparks refers to is that of the greater danger that exists for NATO soldiers, as their requested air support and artillery strikes often take place much later than they would wish, exposing those soldiers to danger for longer periods of time than before this new strategy was implemented. Because of this added

danger to NATO soldiers, this directive has been considered controversial by many. The added danger of an offensive without immediate indirect support forces a slower pace of advance which is seen as another problem by many. On this side of the controversy, many are concerned that one of the greatest advantages of western forces in the war, air superiority, has virtually disappeared because of this concern for civilian lives. To those concerned, this voluntary concession of an advantage as large as air superiority seems to be illogical and a detriment to our own troops and interests in the Afghan War. Some also argue that this policy is not actually helping

to save many more civilians, as it is estimated by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that even before this policy, the numbers of civilian deaths attributed to the NATO forces had decreased, while the number of civilian Afghan deaths caused by Taliban or insurgent forces was higher. While some believe this policy to be unnecessary and dangerous, others believe that it is of great importance not only to defeat the Taliban and insurgent forces fighting in Afghanistan, but also to win over the “hearts and minds” of the Afghan people. This campaign to win

over Afghan civilians is in opposition to the idea of “total war,” or winning a war no matter the cost. This new policy is being implemented in a recent offensive in the town of Marja, Afghanistan. Using the new strategy, NATO forces have been taking longer in their forward progression, but have been achieving this progression with fewer civilian casualties. Although it will be impossible to immediately judge the success or failure of the new policy implemented by McChrystal, time will tell if war can be successfully conducted under these parameters, and if the new strategy will better protect civilians.

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— MARINE CAPT. RYAN SPARKS



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THIS WEEK IN QUOTES

“This is a world of hypocrisy and false values, a world that needs love but does not know how to find it. The people who use the word love are all phonies, starting with that jerk, Bono.”

– Words allegedly written by late J.D. Salinger in correspondence with “Spectator” columnist, Taki.

“I was positive that I won ... but I saw that Evan needs a medal more than I do. Maybe because I already have one.”

– Yuvgeni Plushenko of Russia, after he took the silver medal in men’s figure skating, losing the Olympic gold to American Evan Lysacek.

“I had affairs; I cheated. I am the only person to blame.”

– Tiger Woods speaking at his first public appearance since the November car crash and ensuing scandal, acknowledging that he cheated on his wife Elin Nordegren.

“(It’s) an opportunity to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way.”

– Rev. Richard Chartres, bishop of London, encouraging Christians to limit their carbon consumption for Lent.

“It doesn’t make a damn whether you’re a Democrat or a Republican, if you’ve forgotten you’re an American.”

– Former Republican Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming, lamenting Washington’s lack of political will to confront the soaring national debt.

“He really screwed my life up is how I look at it.”

– Samuel Wurzelbacher, a.k.a. Joe the Plumber, on Sen. John McCain.

After one year, effects of stimulus bill still unclear

Eric Anderson
Co-National News Editor

It has been a little over a year since President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, and its effectiveness is still unclear. This one-year anniversary is serving as an opportunity for Democrats and Republicans to pitch their own assessments of the bill.

Obama spearheaded the effort with a press conference touting the bill’s job creation and tax cuts. Appearing alongside a number of small-business owners, Obama sought to portray the bill as a success, while conceding that there was still plenty of work to be done.

“Despite the extraordinary work that has been done through the Recovery Act, millions of Americans are still without jobs,” Obama said during his address. “Millions more are struggling to make ends meet. So it doesn’t feel like much of a recovery yet. I understand that.”

Congressional leaders were also involved in heated debates over the bill’s effects. Republicans utilized many channels to criticize the bill including web videos and interviews.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, attacked what he saw as wasteful spending by releasing a report detailing some seemingly

ridiculous spending projects. Among these projects were, “\$10,000 to purchase a liquid nitrogen cryogenic freezer to store pallid sturgeon sperm and \$1.25 million for a Northwestern University professor to use electric fish from the Amazon to study how animals take in sensory information to move quickly in any direction.”

Rep. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., appeared on “Fox News Sunday” to counter Obama’s claims of job creation. McConnell argued that the only jobs saved by the stimulus bill were government jobs. He went on to argue that the increase in national debt outweighed any positives the bill might have created.

Democrats did not shy away from defending the merits of

the stimulus bill. Many senators and representatives took to the offensive while seeking to portray the stimulus as a success.

Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., appeared in a video for the Democratic National Committee where she depicted Republicans as hypocrites who voted against the stimulus bill but then tried to seek out more federal financing.

The Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank, also publicized this alleged duplicity. They released a list of congressional representatives who voted against the stimulus bill but then sought credit for any benefits that were realized because of it. The list included nearly half of all congressional Republicans.

The success of the recovery

bill is unclear even among nonpartisan evaluators. The Congressional Budget Office found that there was a significant amount of job losses during Obama’s first year in office. However, they also calculated that without the stimulus package, these losses could have been much worse. This agency determined that the stimulus package had created or saved between 900,000 and 2.3 million jobs.

With the true outcomes of the recovery act yet to be determined, it seems that only time will be able to indicate if the \$787 billion stimulus was effective.

How the stimulus package has affected Michigan —

Since President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, the state of Michigan has been awarded:

- 310 contracts totaling \$387,484,370
- 5,329 grants totaling \$6,765,656,518
- 73 loans totaling \$147,616,000
- \$1,306,751,745 for the State Department of Transportation
- \$294,670,967 for the city of Detroit
- \$299.2 million to Johnson Controls Inc. for the production of nickel-cobalt-metal battery cells and packs at plants it plans to build in Holland, Mich.

Sources: recovery.gov, The Washington Times

Troubling developments arise in Iran’s nuclear program

Cory Lakatos
Senior Staff Writer

In the latest development in the long-running dispute over Iran’s nuclear program, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has announced that the country had produced its first batch of 20 percent enriched uranium.

Though this uranium is not weapons-grade, it is capable of sustaining a nuclear reaction. Ahmadinejad stated that Iran

intends to triple production shortly.

Responding to threats of further economic sanctions from the United States and other United Nations Security Council members, the president asserted that the international community should learn to accept a nuclear Iran.

“It’s high time for some people to open their eyes and adapt themselves to real changes that are under way,” he said.

Ahmadinejad claimed that Iran’s nuclear ambitions are the result of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s refusal to provide the Islamic state with nuclear material for medical procedures. Iranian officials have also expressed a desire to generate a significant portion of the nation’s electricity using nuclear reactors in order to free up more oil for export abroad.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State P.J. Crowley disputed this claim, alluding to “the Tehran research reactor proposal from last fall that Iran has yet to accept” and to “the availability of medical isotopes on the international market.”

“Given these two legitimate and immediately available options, there is no rationale for Iran to attempt to produce its own fuel,” Crowley said. The U.S. State Department plans to offer Iran a legitimate way of purchasing medical isotopes in order to render the nation’s own nuclear program pointless.

In response to Ahmadinejad’s statements, the five permanent Security Council members (the United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia and China) have joined with Germany to discuss an increase in the sanctions that have already been leveled against Iran.

The U.S. government believes that, while Iran is indeed planning to build a nuclear weapon, construction on this weapon has not actually begun.

According to U.S. policy, such a development would upset the delicate situation in the Middle East.

The IAEA has also expressed concerns about Iran’s nuclear program. A report released on Feb. 18 stated that the Islamic republic seems to be moving towards the development of nuclear bombs.

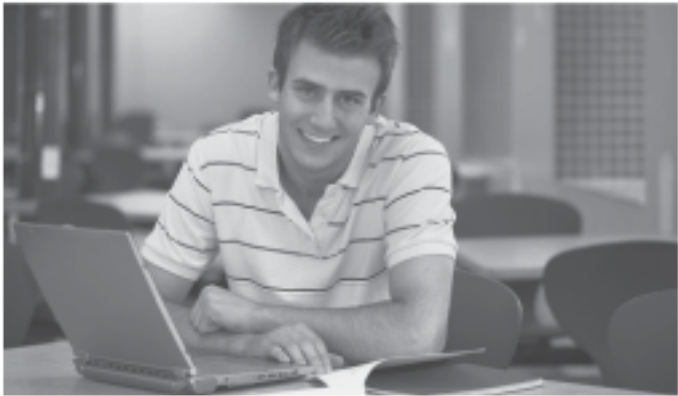
Conversely, supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reacted to the report by stating that nuclear weapons would violate the tenets of Islam. “Iran will not get emotional in its response to these nonsensical statements, because we have often said that our religious tenets and beliefs consider these kinds of weapons of mass destruction to be symbols of genocide and are, therefore, forbidden and considered to be haram (religiously banned).”

Iran’s nuclear program has been wrapped up in the country’s troubled history since the 1960s, when the program first began under the government of Mohammad Reza Shah. After achieving little, the program was dropped following the revolution of 1979 that deposed the shah and brought a conservative Islamic government into power. The program resumed during the 1990s and has been viewed with suspicion by the U.S. government ever since.

In 2003, the moderate government of Mohammad Khatami, bending under international pressure, suspended uranium enrichment and permitted IAEA inspections. However, the 2005 election of conservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ended this more conciliatory approach, and Iran has been defying the U.S. and U.N. Security Council ever since.

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A closer look: Yemeni photography on display at Lemonjello's

Annelise Belmonte
ARTS EDITOR

Sitting in the local coffee shop Lemonjello's, students may have noticed a new photo display on the walls. The 10 mounted photographs of Yemeni people and topography were taken by Hope College student David Moore ('10). Moore went to Yemen to visit a friend doing sociological research there and took a chance to get to know the Yemeni people.

Some parts of the culture were to be expected, but others were not. For instance, Yemeni weddingstakeplaceovermultiple days and usually the whole town is invited to participate, whereas in the United States a wedding is usually a one-day affair for close family and friends.

Also, in the Yemeni wedding that Moore walked through, there were men firing AK-47's off into the street in celebration, not something that a passerby would find in an American wedding.

People wore robes or

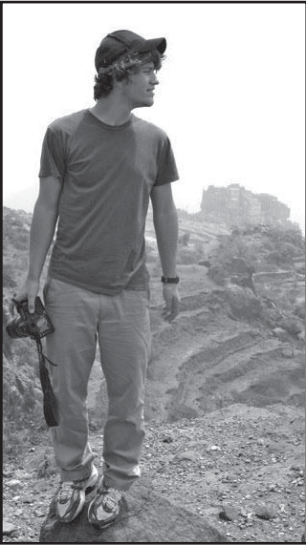
whatnot, but over those they would wear western suit jackets.

Women wearing hijabs would also be carrying Coach leather purses. Street vendors would be selling strapless dresses that the women would never wear in public, but around the house.

In one of Moore's photos, there are about 15 men of various ages piled into the back of a truck. "I just tried to capture as much of these things as I could through the camera lens. It was a lot more difficult than I thought it would be. Seeing a truck full of people like that is pretty common, but you see all ages. Very much a sense of piety and a sense of hierarchy like older brother teaches younger

brother."

A big part of the reason Moore brought the photos back to share was to humanize Yemeni people. "They're Muslims, but they're not all extremists. It's like, okay let's broaden our understanding ... We think we have answers or solutions to how they need to solve their problems. Go there, learn the story, and tell



David Moore

it, rather than letting the lens tell the story."

One aspect of Yemeni life that struck Moore was the amount of faith displayed in everyday life. There's a call to prayer, which occurs five times a day, but there's also a sort of pre-pre call

to prayer, which occurs around 3:30 a.m.

"Things are screaming over the PA system so it's hard to get sleep ... but there's definitely something to be noted in their devotion," Moore says. "One may or may not agree with their beliefs," he continues. "I think they suffer just as we suffer and I think it's important to love people ... that's the first step to loving them, is dignity and respect."

Hopefully this exhibit will inspire people to learn more about Yemeni people and customs. "In a country that pretty much is three different colors, beige, white, or gray, there was this beautiful reef underwater that had all these colors. There were just so many things that could surprise you."

For more information, visit lemonjellos.com/art or davidclarkmoore.com/yemen2009.

THIS WEEK IN ART

Wednesday Feb. 24
Grammy-Nominated Jazz Pianist Fred Hersch to Perform
Wichers Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Free Admission

Thursday Feb. 25
Hope Jazz Ensembles to Perform with Clay Jenkins
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Friday Feb. 26
Wind Ensemble to Present "Lord of the Rings" Concert
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Alternative Worship Service
Maas Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Join Sacred Dance Ministry and other campus groups for a time of singing, painting, dancing, praying, and signing

Hope College Concert Series presents Casiotone for the Painfully Alone
Lemonjello's, 8 p.m.
Free Admission with a Hope I.D., \$4 for the general public

Arts and humanities class creates Sierra Leone project with Hope professors

Annelise Belmonte
ARTS EDITOR

With tragedies occurring all around the world, questions arise about how things can get so bad. A recently developed course at Hope College called "Lit 2.0: Digital Humanities" is allowing students to explore and address the tragedy of the civil war in Sierra Leone.

English professor Ernest Cole was a refugee in Sierra Leone for seven years, and when he went back into the amputee camps, he recorded footage that eventually was taken and used by students in the digital humanities class. A trailer for the project can be

found on Hope College's YouTube channel. To get a sense of how the nation is recovering from civil war, interviewees include members of different levels of society, from government officials to missionaries.

"The trailer was the tip of the iceberg that the New Media Studio has been working on but there's a lot more to it. It's a whole portfolio and that's the face of it right now," said Professor William Pannapacker, who teaches the course.

And the trailer isn't where it stops just for that story either. There is a 30-minute, 50-minute and 90-minute version

of the Sierra Leone project, all with different focuses for different levels of interest.

Pannapacker explained, "It's a humanitarian intervention as well as a scholarly model. It involves new media, students, faculty and the use of the internet to disseminate information widely with a global context in mind."

"One of the things I'm always trying to understand," Cole said, "is the extent of the destruction and the effect on the individual ... It's a question of the pain, the suffering that they endure, the physical challenges. But at the same time, we need to move beyond the sense of helplessness,



PHOTO BY ERNEST COLE

the sense of being victims ... I want them to transcend the

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IN BRIEF

DANCE 36 TICKETS NOW ON SALE

HOPE PR— Hope College's annual faculty choreographed dance concert, Dance 36, will run Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, and Thursday through Saturday, March 11-13 at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre. Along with the work of Hope's dance faculty, the program will include pieces by guest choreographers Tracy Ray Kofford, who is a member of Jennifer Muller/The Works Dance Company, and Dorrell Martin, who is a founder of Dorrell Martin Dance Fusion and the former artistic director of Houston Metropolitan Dance Company. Tickets for Dance 36 are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse and cost \$7 for regular admission and \$5 for senior citizens, students and members of the Hope College faculty and staff. Tickets will also be available on performance nights at the Knickerbocker Theatre shortly before the curtain rises.



Brooke Waggoner
— 'Go Easy Little Doves'



If you saw her at the Knick last year, you'll remember Waggoner's songs as quirky yet meticulously arranged, the product of a music student who's having as much fun writing her songs as her audience is listening. Her second album is much more sweeping and orchestral, with a lot less vocals and pop hooks, but its quality proves that she can hide her Regina Spektor-like charm and still impress.



Massive Attack
— 'Heligoland'



Overall, this album was pretty disappointing. Sometimes it sounds like Portishead, but without their sublime creativity. It's still worth listening to, but don't expect the quality of their old stuff (specifically the House theme song).

These album reviews are courtesy of WTHS music directors Paul Rice, Aaron Martin, and Laura Helderop.



Ben Sollee and Daniel Martin Moore
— 'Dear Companion'



This folky, twangy album is the result of a collaboration between a two more or less unknown singer-songwriters, one a cellist and one a guitarist. The duo don't try anything too ambitious together, instead making simplicity a strength. Don't tell, but Jim James of My Morning Jacket produced it and appears on some tracks.



Silver Jackson
— 'Thought I Found Gold'



Crisp, folky instruments complement bluesy lyrics and melodies in what's overall a pretty solid effort for a totally unknown band. A point of interest for followers of the Grand Rapids music scene: a contribution from Andrea Moreno-Beals of Breathe Owl Breathe.



he Loves me... she Loves me not

Memorable Valentine's Day experiences

Alyssa Barigian

Guest Writer

Valentine's Day – it's not only about the chocolate and candy hearts. Well ... maybe it is, but for most people, it's much more than that. It's about expressing your feelings for another person and showing him or her how much you care. For others, though, Valentine's Day brings back bad memories like break-ups or re-gifted presents. Which is it for you? For these people, Valentine's Day is filled with the good, and the bad ...

The Good...

"He was born on Valentine's Day, 1964. She was born exactly one month later, March 14. She was the first girl he ever fought for – in the second grade, when a fourth grader pinched her. They were heartbroken when his parents moved him away, and they lost touch. He managed to call once, when he was 17, but missed her.

"Then fate stepped in. During graduation night, 1982, they were less than 10 feet apart but never knew it. Later, he was the security supervisor at the Madera Speedway, the only guard wearing matched .45s. She walked by, thinking, 'Could it be?' but did not have the courage to ask, while he thought, 'What a cute little kid,' as she pushed her daughter by in a stroller. Time went by, he went into the Army; she moved to Castro Valley, California.

"Then, as she was beginning her divorce, she happened to look up his name on classmates.com. There were 19 names matching his, but she tried. She found that, just as she was in the process of divorce, he was correcting his own mistake that caused him years of misery. It was the most exciting time in their lives since they had separated, and as they spoke they discovered that fate, though fickle, had been trying for years to get them back together. Today they have a beautiful baby girl."

"The best Valentine's present I ever gave: My now-husband and I had only been dating a short time, and I was short on cash, so I thought of a romantic idea for Valentine's. I snuck into his place and lined Hershey's Kisses from the door to the bathtub and put flowers in the tub. Just above the shower handle was a note that said, 'Now that I have kissed the ground you walk on & showered you with flowers, will you be my Valentine?' He loved it!"



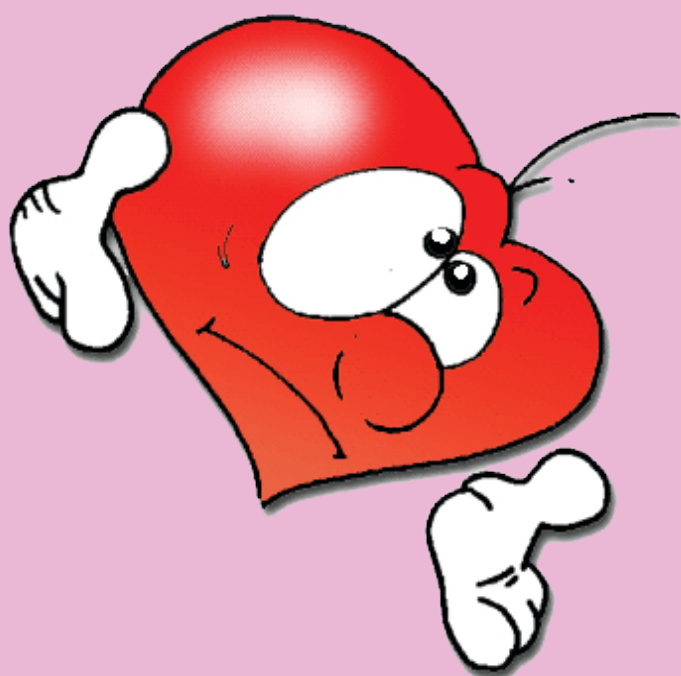
"On my second Valentine's Day with my boyfriend, he woke me up in the morning with breakfast in bed. This was a big deal to him since he was not what you would call a morning person or a good cook at that.

"After the breakfast in bed, he told me he would clean up, and that I could come downstairs when I was ready. After I showered and put on my makeup, I decided to go downstairs. I thought breakfast in bed was great and wasn't expecting anything else, but when I was about to walk down the stairs, I saw it each step on the way down had a rose and a little note attached to it. The notes were each a line to a poem he wrote for me, and as I walked down the stairs, I read each line.

"By the time I got to the bottom I realized I would have to put my makeup on all over again, but I didn't care, because it was the sweetest thing I'd ever seen!"



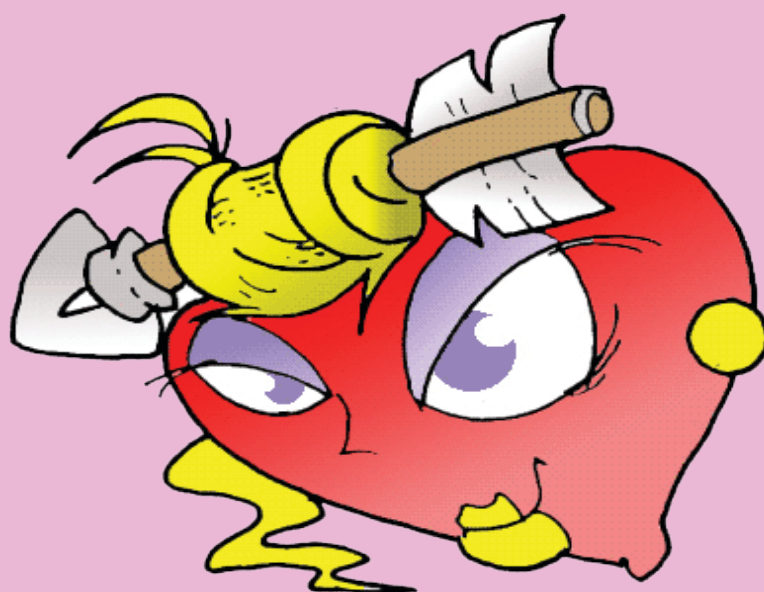
...and the Bad.



“My worst Valentine’s Day ever was two years ago. I was dating a guy that I’d been off and on with for three years. I bought him an expensive pool stick, a bag to go with it, ordered him a dozen roses and paid to have a poem written for him. I had planned the whole evening out already. He called me that morning and told me that he had too much going on in his life and didn’t have time for a girlfriend, especially a serious one. So I decided that I would go out with a friend to try not to think about it. That night I saw him out with another woman.”

“In junior high, I bought a box of chocolates to give to a boy I had a crush on but had never approached. I gave him the candy, and he laughed in my face and still took it!”

“My boyfriend wanted to cook me a romantic dinner, so he went to the trouble of finding a recipe, shopping and cooking for me at his apartment. He chose to cook chicken and stuff it with loads of vegetables and cheese. Well, apparently he doesn’t know about salmonella.”



“Today, I got a reply to my Valentine’s Day card that I sent to my girlfriend. I’ll get the address right next time because her neighbor is really creeping me out now.”



These Valentine’s Day stories are filled with numerous memories. While these memories are both good and bad, they will always be remembered.

*All stories are by anonymous authors and located on websites such as theromantic.com, womenshealthmag.com, emitations.com, msnbc.msn.com and fmylife.com.

Graphics by Emily Dammer

Musings on mutual misunderstandings

Karen Patterson
Co-Editor-in-Chief



Go world

I don't think that it will come as a big surprise to anyone, but I absolutely love the Olympics. I'm not just talking about the kind of love where I enjoy sitting down a few nights a week, passively watching the games on mute while doing other work. I am that person who would drop out of college if the Olympics were any longer, because I am completely unproductive while they are happening.

The combination of being a die-hard sports lover and a total sap makes the Olympics my Mecca. I can remember getting a little misty-eyed as an emotional teen while watching those heart-warming segments about the athlete who came from nothing and overcame potential career-ending injuries, parents who died or a sibling with cancer. I'll admit. I still watch some of them, but for the Vancouver Games, it has seemed like almost half the airtime has been dedicated to such segments, and they've lost their impact.

Nonetheless, the Olympics are great if only because they bring out the patriotic side in all of us. I still remember getting chills while watching the 1980 gold medal hockey team light the Olympic torch at the Salt Lake City Games in 2002. Perhaps I'm a tad ridiculous, but I can't help but smile when I watch a medal ceremony and hear "The Star Spangled Banner" play as a proud athlete holds back the tears.

It is good to be an American during the Olympic Games. Even as I write this, the U.S. leads the Vancouver medal count at 24. Germany is a far-behind second at 18, and Norway rounds out the top three with 12.

But this success has led to a rather extreme case of ethnocentrism. While watching the men's figure skating finals last week, one of my friends commented that the gold medal would probably go to the "stupid Russian (Evgeni Plushenko) because the U.S. never gets it." American Evan Lysacek skated a beautiful, clean program while Plushenko clearly struggled.

While we all knew it was going to be a very close finish, the comment just seemed rather racist.

In recent years, the United States' success in sports seems to have become a bit of a forgone conclusion. As spectators, we expected Michael Phelps to win eight gold medals and Apolo Anton Ohno to become the most decorated United States winter Olympian of all time. However, I think we all forget that our athletes have more training privileges than athletes from other countries could ever dream of.

That suit that Phelps wore in Beijing when he won all those medals? NASA partnered with Speedo in the development. Rocket scientists. I am willing to bet that swimmers from small, poor countries were just grateful to swim in the same pool as Phelps and weren't concerned if their suit wasn't the fastest on the market.

I'm not saying that we shouldn't be proud of American athletes when they succeed, because I am the first one to jump up and down in excitement when a U.S. athlete takes a medal, especially gold. I encourage people to keep in mind that while our athletes certainly hard work and sacrifice, there are hundreds of athletes from other countries who work just as hard and will never attend a medal ceremony as a participant. Winning the most medals doesn't make us better than them.

As the Olympics head into their final days, I'd encourage everyone to make sure to watch as many events, sappy segments, tear-jerking highlight reels and medal ceremonies as possible. The 2012 Summer Games in London are far off, and it'll be a long time before the Olympics are this close again geographically. Be loud and be proud, but don't forget that it's not just about how well the United States does. It's like those Visa ads with the Morgan Freeman voiceover: Go World.

Karen felt a lot of patriotic pride while watching the U.S. men's hockey team soundly beat the Canadian team on Sunday — the first time in 50 years. Here's to hoping they get the gold!

Beautiful Feet

Bryant Russ
Columnist



God gone wild

The trouble of having a relationship with God is that you can't use the God excuse to get out of it. So we're going to have to figure out another way. Because we *have to* get out of it, right? Can you imagine actually living how the Bible suggests and giving up control to an unpredictable God? That's just ridiculous.

God is far too wild. We can't control him. I can see why the Israelites were always turning to idols — statues of wood or metal. These graven images would be much easier to control than a living, breathing God who talked through burning bushes (Exodus 3), a God who led His people to the edge of the sea and then used the wind to create a path through the water (Exodus 14), a God who knocked down the walls of a great city through the power of a marching band (Joshua 6), a God who opened the ground and had it swallow men whole (Numbers 16), a God who told one of his prophets to go around naked for three years and another to marry a hooker (Isaiah 21, Hosea 1).

Can you imagine being in a relationship with a God like that! Wouldn't you rather have a god who would tell you what's coming next? Or, even better, a god whom *you* could tell what's coming next, like a puppet god. Oh that would be nice! We try to make him safe through patterns and formulas, through a theology that pretends to be a comprehensive biography of the almighty. We try to corner God long enough to clip his claws, but he just won't sit still.

Then our world comes crashing down, and we see that we're in need of a wild God. All the power that we thought we had clears like a fog and we see that we're drowning in death. We're stuck. Now we understand that it's only an outlandish, outrageous, unreasonable God who is wild enough to become a man and enter this mess we're in. Only a God who is entirely untamable is crazy enough to take on flesh and do what God did. Only an Almighty Lord is fierce enough to become vulnerable and exposed on a cross. Only a true Lion of a God would become a lamb for love's sake.

Only a wild God would die for his people. A slightly more pacified deity would have washed his hands of us and started over, but not our God.

So think about it, Hope College. Do we really want a relationship with a God like *that*? A God who might take us where we don't feel like going, a God who just won't conform to our agenda, a God who's not at all the safe and quiet kind of guy your daddy wants you to date? Just remember: When the world is falling down around you, it's a wild God who has holes in His hands. A God who *loves like wild*.

Over winter break Bryant watched all six "Harry Potter" movies.

An outside perspective

Word on the street

Sam Tzou
Guest Columnist

Have you heard the word on the street? They say print journalism is disappearing!

Forget the rumors that all newspapers will disappear and transition into the digital world. The real information is that news sections are folding up shop because of a lack of reader interest.

Now, readers who grab a newspaper will skip over sections A and B to look at the feature of the sports pages. It seems as though people would much rather read about Lebron's throwdown last night or the final 12 contestants for American Idol, than learn what is happening outside their geographical bubble. Online users are much more likely to skip over the Google National or global news sections than ever before.

Whenever a link pops up or the news section is on the table, words like "I hate politics" or "I don't care" are more than prevalent.

In some senses, these two commonly used phrases aren't incorrect. I mean, seriously, who really cares that much about Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and his capture and how the Pentagon went ecstatic? Why in the world are we talking about Obama's national health care plan as his super majority disappears? Who is Charlie Crist? Why should I take the time to even read these 600 words? Is my life going to change significantly? Why should I care?

The answer is simple. While some of us can continue to debate on filibusters, fiscal discipline and Jacob

Zuma's rise to power in South Africa, the purpose of news and op-ed columnists is the analysis of the changing world.

Take the past four years for an example. When the class of 2010 entered Hope College four years ago, George W. Bush was getting his foot planted into his second term. Names like Obama and Palin were unknown, certain health officials were still panicking about the Avian Bird Flu, Saddam Hussein was to be executed in a month, Pope John Paul II had just passed away and there was no talk whatsoever about any sort of world economic collapse.

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Grace & Peace

Grace Olson
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Pen pals

I got a letter from my friend Sharon last week. I knew it was hers without even looking at the return address. Her handwriting was small and deliberate but not precise. She had stuck a metallic flower sticker next to my name. I turned the envelope over. On the top flap she had stamped her lion seal. When I tore my finger through the top edge and pulled out the card, I knew how it would begin: “Grace— Hello! How are you?” and end, “Love, ~Sharon.” Sharon and I are pen pals. We’ve met a few times, but most of our friendship has developed on paper, with pens and dates, questions and responses and weeks in between. We first met at church during a high school youth group function, when we were invited to fill out cards with our address and other information, so that the church could send us mailings. Neither of us was particularly interested in receiving mailings, so we exchanged our cards instead. I admitted to her that I loved filling out surveys. The next week, I received a three-page word-processed questionnaire in the mail. The envelope had two flower stickers on the front and a lion stamp over the back flap. Since then, we’ve exchanged more than our addresses. We’ve sent poems and recommendations for fabulous novels. We’ve watched and cheered as we each decided to become English majors. She has told me about the refugee children she tutors and about growing up as the daughter of missionaries in Venezuela. I’ve confided in her about

my writing, confessed that I wasn’t sure how to comprehend a mission trip to New Orleans and filled her in on every up and down of my prayer life. I don’t remember much of the more mundane things, except what I can deduce from her letters, which I’ve kept. Apparently, I’ve also told her what distracts me, whether I do my own laundry and where I went to camp. We were dedicated pen pals into our sophomore year of college, and then the correspondence thinned. We might have exchanged one letter in the last year. But, as pen pals know, fewer letters doesn’t mean waning friendship. In one of her early letters to me, Sharon wrote: “Don’t worry about writing back ‘on time’—part of the fun of letters is that it is over time and not rushed!” Well, Sharon, I’m not rushing to write back. I know the pace of letters. I don’t mind that this correspondence is unhurried, even when it means I must be patient. Another friend has told me that she doesn’t believe in journaling, but she thinks of letters as her journal. A very slow journal, less volatile than a diary and always with wisdom at the other end. So we keep writing. We lick the stamp and send it out and check the mail every day, just in case. *Despite her gratitude for slow correspondence, Grace wishes she had caught up on a few more letters over winter break. She apologizes to those whose mailboxes are still bare.*

From the inside out

Ann Green
Photography Editor



We are all getting fat. The United States, North America, in fact, the world. Obesity has grown since the wonderful invention of our friend the scale and the confusing calculations of the BMI. We have become numb to the phrase “obesity epidemic” and don’t think twice about passing obese people on the sidewalks. Some really relieving news came out a few weeks ago from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, however. I am sure you all saw this since we all subscribe to their journals to keep up with academia. The news? American obesity rates have hit a plateau!! How splendid! I thought we were still getting bigger!! A plateau. How grand. But why? Because we have gotten so fat that we cannot possibly get any fatter. Our bodies that God so carefully crafted have become weighed-down (quite literally) with the high fructose corn syrup, the animal fats and the preservatives. Now I’m not telling everyone to become raw foodies or vegan, but it might not be a bad idea to watch what you eat. And I don’t just mean watch it disappear off of your plate. Currently, 68 percent of Americans are classified as overweight or obese. If Hope were reflective of this statistic, this would calculate to 2,244 students. Thank God for the many of you students with Dutch genes. Your bodies make this campus a much leaner place. I think that people are under the impression that health is something that can be fixed. It’s not something to be aware of now because, hey, we’re college kids! We’re trying to have fun, get homework done and keep that 1:1. My daily caloric intake isn’t something I should think about because we’re supposed to gain weight in college. It’s expected of us, so why not give in? Well I’ll tell you why not. Don’t give in to the idea that your health doesn’t matter now, because it does. Let’s be honest. Most of us guessed our way through the Health Dy lecture portion, but we all know the message. Eat healthy. Exercise. Extend life. Sounds good to me. I learned recently from professor Slette the many strains and stresses that obesity places on the body. By just carrying around a few extra pouches, you are more likely to die from heart disease and diabetes, to name a few. There’s another term we’ve heard a lot about. Heart disease.

It doesn’t matter which one you get or how severe it is, I don’t think anyone wants a disease of the heart. And much of the time it’s preventable. But what about factors other than obesity that have been promised to kill me? We’re all going to die from cancer or radiation anyways, so we might as well look good and get tan, right? I should have fun and go crazy while I’m young, because I won’t be able to do that when I’m older. Well wouldn’t you rather live a healthy life to 90 than die early from obesity causes? The seniors might hear me on this one, but I’ve been thinking a lot about what I want my life to look like in the future. Do I want kids some day? Do I want to travel? Do I want to work? Do I want to run more marathons? Do I want to perfect Rachel Willis’ bread recipe? Well YES. Yes I do. I don’t want to sacrifice years of my life just to “live it up” now by eating heaps of food and lying around on my comfy, snakeskin couch. If I were to do that, research says that by the time I’m 50, obese, popping blood pressure pills, stabbing myself with insulin and unable to keep up with the 20-year-olds on the sidewalk, it’ll be too late. It’s not that a 50-year-old is unable to lose weight; it’s quite the opposite, in fact. You can always improve your health late into your 80s. Muscles can become stronger, and flexibility can increase, but by the time you’re 50, the damage has been done. You can’t reverse the past, and I want Hope to realize that now! This is my last column as an Anchorette, and it has given me a chance to preach my case for health and wellness. I’m challenging you to start living a well-balanced life. Take advice from Mr. Green; he’s a smart guy. He tells me “Everything in moderation.” Thanks for taking the time to read the Voices section despite the scary amount of words on these pages. A lot of work goes into this paper every week, and I have great respect for this staff and our advisor. Thanks for your support, Hope.

Ann would like to thank Shaun White for being so attractive and all five NBC channels for covering him so well. If it weren’t for NBC, she’d be all over him. Must be the red hair.

And while Hope may not have a journalism major, the writers here have the same mindset as those of the greatest news writers and analysts such as Frank Rich of the New York Times or Jason Fry of the Washington Post because sometimes the beauty of news writing is that all we can do is find facts now and speculate with the readers. No matter what Holland, the U.S. or the world is like in 2014, we’re going to need op-ed writing and news journalism to carry us there.

THE ANCHOR

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Arts and humanities project broadcasts to community on global education

♦ **SIERRA LEONE**, from page 5

limitations of the body, of pain, of memory, of trauma. It's a question of learning to be 'normal' or functional. And people have hope for the future." Originally, as the documentary shows, Norwegians built the amputee camps exclusively for the victims, but since those victims have lost limbs, most of them need their families to take care of and help them. The biggest problem is that now the amputees and their families are stuck there. The houses that they lived in before were destroyed, and there's nowhere to go. There aren't any

schools, and teenage pregnancy is surging inside of the camps. "I want to pay school fees for every teenager for at least one year," Cole said. "And one uniform. It seems that they should have an education." In the future, he plans to do an "adoptive" service of sorts where he will go back to Sierra Leone, take pictures of the teenagers and children there, and ask people to pledge \$8 a year so that a child can go to school. "At the end of the year when people are leaving, if they want to leave something," Cole said, "I don't even care if they're clean, I would take them to the laundry and pay for it myself." In Sierra Leone, rebels are given

\$50 for every gun they turn in. "They are being compensated for the crimes they committed while their victims are in anguish in amputee camps," Cole said. A goal of the digital humanities class is to create content that can be used outside of the classroom, so the student projects that include Cole's Sierra Leone footage may become resources available to a broader community. "In most classes," Pannacker explains, "you work on something for a while, and then it's over. It gets filed away, and only the student really benefits from it. But now we have a new way for the work we've done to benefit the college as a whole to work with students in other courses and even faculty." Students can either choose their own project or have one recommended to them. In the case of the Sierra Leone



PHOTO BY ERNEST COLE

project, the student-faculty collaboration seems to be beneficial to those involved. "I thank God for Hope College," Cole said. "I thank God for the support I'm having. We are one, and we are all connected on the basis of our humanity. How can we influence the salvations of others? Regardless of talent, we must use our resources for the improvement of our kind. I am pleased. I am thankful. I will never rest. I will do whatever it takes." The class is offered in the second half of the semester. Those interested in the Sierra Leone project are encouraged to contact Cole.



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Can I Kiss You?

♦ **KISS**, from page 2

being back at Hope is seeing the students make a commitment to creating positive change with asking first, being a friend and opening a door." Through his program, Domitrz has created change across the country and around the world. He seeks to create more change by alerting people to these issues and causing them to implement these ideals in their own lives so that one day people will not have to deal with the pain of sexual assault. More information about Domitrz and his program can be found on datesafeproject.org.

Luminescence valentines



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LOVELY LADIES OF LUMINESCENCE— on Feb. 11, Luminescence serenaded fellow Hope students around campus in honor of Valentine's Day.



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Tennis teams enter season with optimism

Karen Patterson
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Though the weather outside may still be frightful, the Hope College men's and women's tennis teams are working hard in preparation for the 2010 season. The Flying Dutchmen return only five players from the 2009 team that finished second in the MIAA conference. With one of the youngest teams in recent history — six freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors and two seniors — the preseason work-out was the most rigorous that co-captain Mike Garland ('10) could remember.

"At the start of pre-season we had about nine freshmen coming out, so I knew that we would have to put in some real work in order to be where we wanted to be come season," Garland said. "I wouldn't say that I felt like we were in a hurry, but we knew that it was necessary to catch the younger guys up to speed."

While the true test will come during the team's spring break trip, there were promising signs of the hard work paying off at the opening UW-Whitewater Invitational held on Feb. 12-13. Though the team was unable to top host Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh, a solid win against Wheaton College proved that the Dutchmen are ready to take

on older, more-experienced squads.

The team will journey next to Hilton Head, S.C., for their annual spring break trip. While the matches played throughout the week will count toward the overall record, co-captains Garland and John Gardner ('10) are hoping the team walks away with more than just a few wins.

"Spring break is always a great trip for us," Gardner said. "This trip, we're hoping to just spend a bunch of time together and get really close. We're going to work hard, that's a given, but team unity is what we hope to accomplish this break."

For the Flying Dutchmen, conference play is over a month away, and Garland is confident that the young, new players will be ready.

"Even though we lost a lot of great guys from last year, I am sure that the freshmen will step up during conference play,"

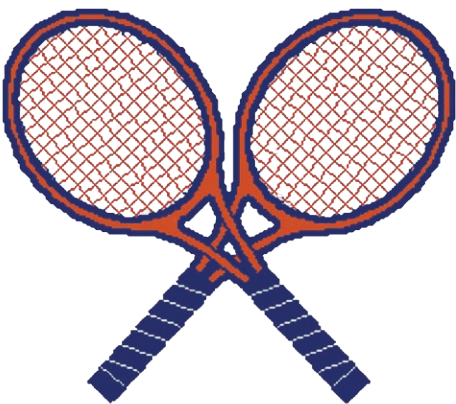
Garland said. "It's so hard to say right now with it being so early in the season, but I hope to be playing right along with the other teams vying for the MIAA crown."

For the Flying Dutch, the 2010 season comes on a bittersweet note. The team was perfect in conference and won the MIAA for the first time in 10 years, but the success came shortly before the passing of longtime head coach Karen Page.

New head coach Nate Price will look to his five returning letter winners, led by captain Beth Olson ('10), as the team seeks a second consecutive MIAA title.

Though the balance of freshmen and returning upperclassmen is stronger than for the men, Olson still expects the new class to have a large impact on the team.

"Everyone fits in well and



GRAPHIC BY EMILY DAMMER

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday	Feb. 24
Men's Basketball vs. Trine at 7:30 p.m.	
Thursday	Feb. 25
Women's Basketball MIAA Tournament semifinals at 7:30 p.m.	
Friday	Feb. 26
Men's Tennis vs. Case Western Reserve at 7 p.m.	
Men's Basketball MIAA Tournament semifinals	
Saturday	Feb. 27
Women's Basketball MIAA Tournament finals at 3 p.m.	
Men's Basketball MIAA Tournament finals at 7:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	March 2
Men's Tennis vs. Grand Valley State at 4 p.m.	

IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PERFECT IN MIAA

The women's basketball team ended its regular season with a perfect 16-0 MIAA record, though not without some late season drama. Saturday's game against Adrian was tied at halftime, and a late surge in the second half tied the game with 53 seconds left. Carrie Snickers ('11) and Liz Ellis ('13) both made important free throws in the next 21 seconds to give the Dutch the win, 58-56. MIAA Tournament play began yesterday against Alma.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS WEEK

The men's basketball team finished its regular season last week. On Wednesday, the team traveled to Adrian, and fell to the Bulldogs, 68-73. With the loss the Flying Dutchmen moved to second place in the MIAA, giving Calvin sole possession of the conference. On Saturday, the team concluded its regular season against Trine. The Thunder pulled within three with 41 seconds left in the game, but two clutch free throws by Logan Neil ('12) with five seconds remaining sealed the win for the Dutchmen. Trine and Hope will meet again tonight in the first game of the MIAA Tournament.

Pom pon team gives dancers opportunity to perform

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The Hope College Pom Pon team is one of the staples of halftime at Hope football and basketball games. The team, comprised of 12 Hope women, performs at all home football games during the fall and several basketball games during the winter.

The team has two seasons which means that two different dance styles are used. In the fall, the pom team performs following traditional pom-style, which includes kick lines and splits.

During basketball season, however, the team uses the Universal Dance Association style. The UDA style is based on jazz and hip-hop dance and incorporates leaps and turns rather than kick lines and splits.

The pom team began in 2002 with students Heather Qualman ('04) and Liz Tyndell ('04). Qualman and Tyndell had been members of pom teams in high school and, like many athletes at Hope, wanted to continue participating in the sport in college. Captain Kaylynn Keedy ('11) can relate to this feeling.

"I have been involved with dance teams since middle school, and I've always loved the school spirit and the rush of performing at games for the students and other fans," Keedy said. "As a freshman, I came to Hope looking for a way to continue performing regularly,

and I found that in poms."

The pom team is not made up entirely of dancers from high school teams, though.

"The pom team is very diverse," captain Amanda Sifnotis ('10) said. "We have girls who danced in studios their whole life and never joined a dance team until college, and we have other girls who competed with their high school dance team and wanted to continue that experience in college."

One unique aspect of the pom team is that it is almost entirely student-led.

Kristin Diekevers of the admissions office is a former pom member and currently advises the team, but the student captains are the highest leaders on the team.

"There is no coach for the pom team," Sifnotis said. "We do have a faculty advisor who was a captain of the pom team my freshman year, and she has been very helpful, but we do everything ourselves."

On Saturday, the pom team performed their annual guy-girl dance at the men's basketball game against Trine. According to Keedy, this demonstrates a key aspect of the pom team: having fun.

"We work hard, but we play hard and have a lot of fun in the process," Keedy said. "Our guy-girl performance is a great example of how much fun we get to have."

Sifnotis also acknowledges

that enjoyment is an important factor for members of the team.

"The pom team is a group of girls who love to dance and perform," Sifnotis said. "We spend a lot of time together throughout the year, and for most of the girls on the team, I think the friendships and fun we have together is a big part of why we love the team so much."

In addition to performing at football and basketball games, the pom team is also involved with Dance Marathon.

The team has a dancer and moralers that participate in Dance Marathon, and their miracle child, Tatianna, gets to take part in Dance Marathon in a special way.

"A few weeks before the Marathon, (Tatianna) gets to come to some of our practices and learn a routine with us," Keedy said. "Then she performs with us at the Marathon."

Though the pom team danced at their last game of the school year on Saturday, you can see them again at Dance Marathon on March 12-13 in the Dow.



PHOTO BY ANN GREEN

POMS— Kaylynn Keedy ('11) performs in the annual guy-girl dance routine.

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Men’s swim team claims third straight MIAA title



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CHAMPION— Phil Heyboer (’10) won the 400-yard individual medley for the fourth year in a row with a MIAA record time of 4:00:24.

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Some consider three championships in a row to be a dynasty. If that’s the case, Hope College has a Patnott Dynasty brewing in the chlorine-laced pool of Kresge Natatorium. By a narrow margin of 25 points, the men’s swimming/diving team brought home their third straight MIAA championship, beating out Kalamazoo College 878-853. “It could have gone either way,” coach John Patnott said. “We raced really well and gained the extra points we needed to win the meet.”

The Flying Dutchmen took charge of the meet from the start. The fourth event of the meet, the 500-yard freestyle, resulted in first, second, third, fourth and fifth place finishes by Hope swimmers. As a result, the Flying Dutchmen already had a commanding 44 point lead over then second place Kalamazoo. Ray Gaskell (’13) finished third in the one meter dive. Mid-season diving converts Matt Ray (’10) and Tommy Knecht (’12) finished sixth and eighth place respectively, earning the team an additional 24 points. The last event on Feb. 11 was the 400-yard medley relay pitting a Hope team full of soon to be

All-MIAA swimmers against a talented Kalamazoo team. Unfortunately for the Flying Dutchmen, the Hornets prevailed by 3 1/2 seconds. At the end of the first day of competition the Flying Dutchmen had a 295-254 lead over the Hornets of Kalamazoo and a comfortable 171-point lead over the third place Olivet Comets. “We had a little larger lead than I had calculated,” Patnott said. “Forty-one points was critical for us to win the meet. Was I comfortable with the lead? No. Was I happy with it? Yes.” Day two of the MIAA championship meet began with a second place finish by Hope’s 200-yard medley relay consisting of Mitch Ruch (’10), Geoff Ludema (’13), Ryan Nelis (’10) and Aaron Welsch (’10). Captain Phil Heyboer (’10) won the 400-yard individual medley for the fourth year in a row with an MIAA record time of 4:00.24. “Phil has had a great career,” Patnott said. “He is very versatile; I can use him in almost any race and know he will score well.” Jeff Shade (’12) finished

second behind Heyboer while Ludema finished fifth in the same race. The 100-yard breaststroke saw Brandon King (’10), Michael Huisingh (’12), Ludema and Cody Tozer (’10) finish second, third, fourth and eighth, respectively. Day two of the MIAA Championship meet ended with a second place finish by Hope’s 800-yard freestyle relay consisting of Josh Grabijas (’13), James Richardson (’10), Andrew Rose (’12) and Nelis. Going into the final day of competition, the Flying Dutchmen maintained its first place standing by 37 points over Kalamazoo. “I figured we would have maybe a 27-point lead,” Patnott said, “so I was very happy with the lead we had. I think our swimmers stepped up big time and swam well on the second day.” The first men’s event of the last day was the 1,650-yard freestyle, one of Hope’s strongest events going into the MIAA championship, according to Patnott. The first four swimmers to finish were all wearing blue Speedos with an orange anchor on the back. Grabijas finished first with a time of 16:01.73. Following him, in the order they finished, were Shade, James Richardson (’10) and Rose. Rose’s fourth place time of 16:23.73 was still

16 seconds ahead of the next swimmer. “We really needed to dominate the 500 and 1,650,” Patnott said. “In order to win the MIAA Championship, you have to be able to dominate something.” Second place and lower finishes by Flying Dutchmen in the 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly and 400-yard freestyle relay wrapped up the meet. Final results: Hope was crowned MIAA champions with 878 points, Kalamazoo was second with 853, third was Olivet with 493, rival Calvin finished fourth with 428, Alma finished fifth with 277 and Albion came in last with 195 points. More good news in the form of All-MIAA players came for the Flying Dutchmen last week. Eight Flying Dutchmen were named to the all-conference team. First time all-conference team members Grabijas, Huisingh and King joined four-time winners Heyboer and Nelis. Also on the roster are Ruch for the third time and Shade and Welsch for the second time. The NCAA national championships still await the Flying Dutchmen. Hopefuls such as Nelis, Ruch, Welsch and Nick Hazekamp (’13) will have to wait until March 5 to find out if they made it.

Flying Dutch swim team finishes second in MIAA

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When the women’s swim team competed at the MIAA championships two weekends ago, the Lady Dutch swimmers knew it would be difficult to knock off Calvin, who was the heavy favorite. “We really wanted to beat Calvin, but our focus was on doing our best,” captain Christina Vogelzang (’10) said. “Our focus is always on how well we can do, not always just winning.” Vogelzang received All-MIAA conference honors for the second time in her career last week.

For the Dutch to have a successful meet, captain Claire Piester (’10) explained that a lot of young swimmers needed to step up. “It is always interesting to see what the freshmen can do for the team, and they really stepped up,” Piester said. Libby Westrate (’13) did her part in contributing to the team’s success at the conference championships. Westrate took home the gold in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events, each of them fast enough for NCAA championship consideration. She was also part of the winning team in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

Winning the relay was one of Westrate’s favorite moments of the meet. “A f t e r being second to Calvin in the previous relays, it was a big morale booster and just felt really good to be part of that w i n n i n g t e a m , ” Westrate said. Sarah Sohn (’12) added that this was a very exciting win for the team.



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GOLDEN— Sarah Sohn (’12) captured first place in the 400-yard individual medley, 500-yard freestyle and 1,650-yard freestyle at the MIAA championships.

“It was a great feeling to win after losing to Calvin in that relay last year,” Sohn said. The 7:47.40 time that Westrate, Piester, Vogelzang and Sohn posted was good enough for NCAA championship consideration. They will have to wait to see if they will get to compete at nationals. Sohn also posted her season-best time in the 500-yard freestyle event. With a

time of 5:07.20, she is also up for national consideration. Even with these gold medal victories, it wasn’t enough to knock off the Knights of Calvin. Calvin finished with 939 points as a team, and Hope finished in second with 715. The season is over for the Lady Dutch team. It is now up to the individuals to continue to represent the orange and blue.

If they can shed some seconds off their previous times, they may have the opportunity to continue competing this year. Westrate is excited about the possibility of competing at the NCAA championships. “If I do happen to make nationals, it would feel really great to be able to represent Hope College at the national level,” she said.

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